

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
May 17 & 18, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Washington State Transportation Commission was called to order at 9 A.M., on May 17, 2005 in Room 1D2 of the Transportation Building in Olympia, Washington.

Commissioners present at the meeting were: Chair Stedman, Ed Barnes, Bob Distler, Dick Ford, Elmira Forner, Michele Maher and Dan O'Neal.

2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

Paula Hammond, Chief of Staff, WSDOT, provided an overview of today's presentation.

Amy Arnis, Deputy Director, Strategic Planning and Programming, Bill Ford, Chief Budget Services and Don Griffith, Director, Governmental Liaison, WSDOT, briefed the Commission regarding the 2005 Legislative session. Mr. Griffith provided an overview of the highlights of recent legislative actions and the Department's delivery plan (refer to agenda item 1 handout for further information).

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary MacDonald touched on a variety of subjects that included his appreciation to the Commission for its input into the Washington Transportation Plan.

GRAY NOTEBOOK

Daniela Bremmer, Director, Strategic Assessment, Strategic Planning and Programming, WSDOT, introduced presenters of the Gray Notebook (refer to agenda item number 3 handout for further information).

Megan White, Director, Environmental Services, provided an annual update to the Commission regarding programmatic permits and improving regulatory efficiency.

Rico Baroga, Manager, Maintenance Accountability Process, briefed the Commission regarding the Department's water conservation activities for 2005. He also provided a 2004-05 post winter report.

Thanh Nguyen, Facilities Program Planning Manager, Maintenance and Operations, briefed the Commission regarding the Safety Rest Area Preservation program.

John Sibold, Director, Aviation Division, WSDOT, provided an annual update regarding the Aviation Program.

Greg Selstead, Director, Project Control and Reporting, WSDOT, briefed the Commission regarding scheduled advertisement dates.

Paula Hammond, Chief of Staff, WSDOT, provided an overview of current projects and

accomplishments.

John Conrad, Assistant Secretary, Engineering and Regional Operations, WSDOT, provided an overview of proposed adjustments to delivery planning

PROPOSED TRANSFER OF SPENDING ALLOCATION

Greg Selstead, Director, Project Control and Reporting, presented a proposed transfer of spending to make adjustments to 17 highway projects.

It was moved by Commissioner Ford and seconded by Commissioner Maher to approve the transfer of spending allocation on the proposed adjustments. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Jennifer Ziegler, Administrator, briefed the Commission regarding its roles and responsibilities effective July 1, 2005. Commissioners discussed responsibilities that are retained, retained with some changes, along with new responsibilities and other issues.

Paula Hammond, Chief of Staff, WSDOT, shared that the Department is also learning a new role as a cabinet agency.

PUBLIC AND LEGISLATOR COMMENT PERIOD

Paul Locke, citizen, shared that he has an interest in performance audits, and the costs that are incurred as a result of audits.

BUILDING FUTURE VISIONS

Elizabeth Robbins, Manager, Policy Development and Regional Coordination, and Departmental staff, presented an overview of the continuation of Phase 2 of the WTP (for further information refer to agenda item 7 handout).

Commissioners provided input into what they would like to see the Washington Transportation Plan look like.

BOND RESOLUTION

Jeff Caldwell, Transportation Funds Manager, Strategic Planning and Programming, presented Resolution 671 - Authorizing the Sale of Transportation Bonds, to the Commission for approval.

It was moved by Commissioner Maher and seconded by Commissioner Ford to approve Resolution 671 – Authorizing the Sale of Transportation Bonds. The motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

Chair Stedman announced the appointment of Commissioners Ford, Maher and Barnes to serve as the nominating committee for the selection of the Commission chair.

It was moved by the Commission to approve the nominating committee appointments. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m., on May 18, 2005.

WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAN O'NEAL, Chair

DICK FORD, Vice-Chair

EDWARD BARNES, Member

VACANT

ELMIRA FORNER, Member

ROBERT S. DISTLER, Member

DALE STEDMAN, Member

DOUGLAS MACDONALD, Ex-Officio Member
Secretary of Transportation

ATTEST:

REEMA GRIFFITH, Administrator

DATE OF APPROVAL